

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 29-31, 33, 34, 40, 42, and 44 are currently amended.

1– 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A system for accessing prepaid services information, comprising:

a web portal configured to present information relating to a plurality of prepaid services offered by ~~a plurality of~~ different prepaid service providers; and

a database configured to store a plurality of user profiles, each user profile specifying user account information ~~corresponding to one or more of the prepaid services~~ identifying the prepaid services of a plurality of the prepaid service providers, wherein the web portal is further configured to transmit the ~~information relating to the prepaid services for presentation to one of the users according to the respective one of the user profiles~~ account information stored in a user profile to a respective user,

and to receive from the respective user a selection of one or more of the prepaid services ~~input by the user~~ identified in the transmitted account information.

30. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal is configured to support offering any one of the prepaid services to any one of ~~the~~ a plurality of users.

31. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal is maintained by a system operator having a customer that is one of ~~the~~ a plurality of users.

32. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 31, wherein another system operator has a customer that is one of the users, the other system operator compensating the system operator for use of the web portal, the other system operator being one of a wholesaler, an online retailer, a system developer, or an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

33. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal is configured to provide ~~the~~ users with real-time management of accounts for the prepaid services.

34. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 29, wherein ~~the~~ a plurality of users are each assigned a unique identifier for accessing the web portal.

35. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 34, wherein the unique identifier includes a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

36. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the information relating to the prepaid services includes payment information.

37. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal is further configured to initiate a payment verification process for the prepaid services.

38. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the plurality of prepaid services includes one of prepaid calling card, prepaid Internet access, prepaid telephony, prepaid paging, prepaid cellular, prepaid cable television, prepaid travel, entertainment tickets, prepaid utilities, prepaid Internet hosting, prepaid gasoline, or prepaid heating oil.

39. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal presents the plurality of prepaid services as a prepaid bundled-service package.

40. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 29, wherein a transaction conducted by the ~~one~~ respective user via the web portal is verified by fraud detection system.

41. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 29, wherein the web portal provides usage information for the prepaid services, and supports purchase of additional units of the prepaid services.

42. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting management of prepaid services, the method comprising:

receiving a request, at a web portal, from a user among a plurality of users for information relating to a plurality of prepaid services offered by a plurality of prepaid service providers, the request including a selection of one of the prepaid services input by the user; and

retrieving a profile for the user, the profile specifying user account information corresponding to one or more of the prepaid services of each of the plurality of prepaid service providers; and

transmitting the information relating to the prepaid services for presentation to the user according to the profile.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the information relating to the prepaid services includes payment information.

44. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 42, ~~wherein the web portal is further configured to initiate~~ further comprising initiating a payment verification process for the prepaid services by the web portal.

45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the plurality of prepaid services includes one of prepaid calling card, prepaid Internet access, prepaid telephony, prepaid paging, prepaid cellular, prepaid cable television, prepaid travel, entertainment tickets, prepaid utilities, prepaid Internet hosting, prepaid gasoline, or prepaid heating oil.

46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the web portal presents the plurality of prepaid services as a prepaid bundled-service package.

47. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, further comprising:
communicating with a fraud detection system to verify a transaction initiated by the user via the web portal.

48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the web portal provides usage information for the prepaid services, and supports purchase of additional units of the prepaid services.

49. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for providing prepaid services, the method comprising:

communicating with a plurality of databases that include a first prepaid database supporting a prepaid service of a first provider, and a second prepaid database supporting prepaid service of a second provider; and

presenting, via a web interface, the prepaid service of the first provider and the prepaid service of the second provider as a bundled service.

50. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method according to claim 49, wherein the web interface is operated by a system operator, and the first provider and the second provider are customers of the system operator.